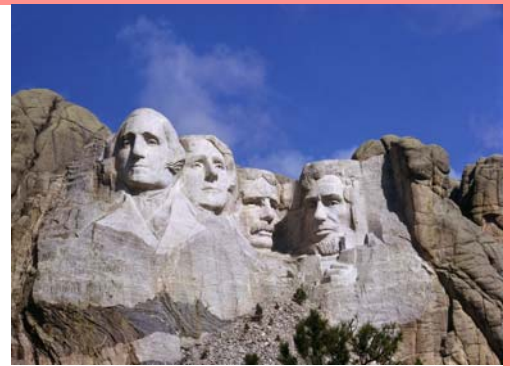


Medi-Cal Monthly Update

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Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL)

THE PRUCOL PROCESS

Reference: ACWDL 89-84, 92-48 and 09-40

INS is now known as United States Citizenship Immigration Services (USCIS)
MC 13, MC 845 & G-845 Save

Step 1: Any one may apply for PRUCOL. Provide or mail the MC 13 to each appropriate applicant/beneficiary.

Action: Review the completed MC 13 when returned by the applicant/beneficiary. If the MC 13 is not returned within 30 calendar days, approve restricted benefits, if the applicant/beneficiary is otherwise eligible.

Step 2: If the applicant/beneficiary answers "YES" on the MC 13 in Section B., question #4, ensure that the applicant/beneficiary checks off one of the categories listed in Section B., question #5. Eligibility Workers are reminded not to coach or advise participant as to which box to check. Advice can be given by Legal Aid or an Immigration Attorney.

Action: If the applicant/beneficiary checks any of the first 15 boxes in Section B., question #5, request documents to establish Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS). Allow 30 calendar days for response.

*If the applicant/beneficiary checked the last box (item #16) in question #5, follow the PRUCOL process steps below beginning with **Step #5** seen on page #2.*

Step 3: If any box in section B., question #5, (with the exception of the last box) is checked and the applicant/beneficiary is determined to be otherwise eligible to Medi-Cal, **give the applicant/beneficiary 30 days to provide verification of their Satisfactory Immigration Status.**

Action: For those applicants/beneficiaries who have provided documentation of SIS and meet all other eligibility criteria approve for full-scope benefits.

Action: For those applicants/beneficiaries who have not provided documentation of SIS and meet all other eligibility criteria approve for restricted benefits.

Step 4: On the MC 13, the applicant/beneficiary must complete Section C only if they answered "yes" to questions 2, 3, or 4 in section B.

Action: Question #1 under Section C asks for the person's Alien Registration number and/or Alien Admission numbers (INS form I-94). If the PRUCOL applicant/beneficiary does not have an Alien Registration and/or Alien Admission number, leave it blank. Ensure that the applicant/beneficiary completes the other questions in Section C. The Eligibility Worker completes the G-845 SAVE and sends to USCIS.

Proceed to Step 6

NOTE: PRUCOL is not just for persons in Long Term Care or who are on Renal Dialysis: **Persons do not need to request** Long Term Care or be receiving renal (kidney) dialysis. PRUCOL status must be reviewed/re-verified at redetermination at the one year expiration of PRUCOL entitlement, **unless they are determined eligible under PRUCOL Category 16 on the MC 13.**

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Step 5: If the last box (item #16) in section B is checked on the MC 13 indicating PRUCOL, the applicant is to be approved for full-scope benefits (if otherwise eligible)-without providing or requesting proof of SIS.



Action: No action is to be taken to verify SIS. No documentation of SIS is to be requested from the PRUCOL applicant who claims eligibility under item #16. No G-845 SAVE verification request is to be submitted to USCIS in an attempt to verify SIS for aliens claiming PRUCOL eligibility under item #16.

ACWDL 09-40 provides that counties are to no longer verify the immigration status of immigrants who claim the last PRUCOL category 16 on the MC 13, nor will counties verify PRUCOL status at annual redetermination for beneficiaries who claimed this category.

If **OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE:** grant full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to applicants/beneficiaries who are otherwise eligible to full-scope when they claim this category.

Step 6: USCIS may respond with one of the following:

1. "USCIS actively pursues the expulsion of an Alien in the class/category." This means that the applicant/participant is not PRUCOL.
2. "USCIS is not actively pursuing the expulsion of an alien in the class/category at this time." This means that the participant is PRUCOL.
3. Please advise applicant to visit the nearest USCIS OFFICE, along with supporting documentation, for possible validity of his/her documentation and /or to obtain information relating to his/her current Immigration status. To make an INFORPASS appointment go to: WWW.USCIS.GOV and select INFORPASS.



Action: In response to #1: Reduce benefits to restricted Medi-Cal effective to meet the 10-day Notice of Action (NOA) requirement. The basis for the action is the lack of SIS as reported by the USCIS. A NOA must always be sent to the beneficiary and Authorized Representative (if appropriate) if Medi-Cal will be reduced from full-scope to restricted benefits.

Action: In response to #2: The applicant/beneficiary is entitled to full-scope Medi-Cal benefits as long as he/she is otherwise eligible. Place the returned G-845 SAVE in the case file as evidence of the participant's SIS. Notify the applicant/beneficiary in writing that PRUCOL applies for one year for purposes of entitlement to full-scope Medi-Cal benefits. At one year expiration and at redetermination, PRUCOL status **MUST** be reevaluated and this process must be repeated.

Action: In response to #3: The applicant/beneficiary is not to be referred or reported to USCIS. District staff should contact Medi-Cal Program immediately for instructions.

Step 7: If PRUCOL category in section "B" last box is checked and Long Term Care, Renal Dialysis requested, the G-845 Supplement, otherwise known as the Form MC 845 (titled "G-845 Supplement PRUCOL") is to be given to participant to complete and return.



Action: Once the G-845 supplement (MC 845) is completed and returned by participant, submit the MC 845 with form number G-845 SAVE to USCIS and grant full-scope Medi-Cal, if otherwise eligible. Medi-Cal benefits **MUST** be reevaluated at redetermination and at one year expiration of PRUCOL entitlement.

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